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A New Beginning

You're receiving our first e-newsletter, the midWest e-connect! This is a cost-effective way to continue keeping in touch with our Covenant communities in this electronic age and saving hundreds of dollars in printing and postage. Recently, your church received a DVD, the midWest video connect, which contains encouraging stories carried over from our recent conference annual meeting. This is also a first of many DVD's to come your way. Please contact our office if you have stories of interest for your brothers and sisters in the Midwest Conference.

Full-time Pastors new to MWC since July 2009:

- John Paul Harris-Webster, Assoc. Pastor, Community Covenant, Lenexa, KS

Pastors leaving MWC since July 2009:

- Rob Sabin, Pastor, First Covenant, Fort Dodge, IA
- Eric Sparrman, Pastor, Harvest Ridge Covenant, Shawnee, KS

Get the MWC Annual Meeting on your calendar, April 23-24, 2010, Lindsborg, KS. Bob Stromberg to share his gift of storytelling at Friday worship celebration.

Superintendent on Sabbatical

MWC Superintendent Ken Carlson will be on sabbatical October 26 through December 9. Conference business can be directed to Associate Superintendents Rick Mylander (work #303-663-8055) or Dave Benedict (cell #913-220-3744) or by contacting:

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The Midwest Conference is a mission association of Covenant churches in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, western Missouri, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Covenant Midwinter Conference to be Held in Denver!

Midwinter 2010 will be held January 25-28 in Denver, CO. Did you know that pastors and lay persons are welcome to attend evening worship services? Taking place at 7 p.m. each night, January 25-27, and featuring outstanding national speakers, these worship services are excellent opportunities to introduce people to the larger Covenant family. Services are characterized by deep devotional excellence, diversity, celebration, and thoughtful/reflective prayer, a great chance for your church to be blessed as well as informed. Get it on your calendars!

La Miel Covenant Church, a conference fellowship group in Salina, Kansas, recently purchased their first church building. Pastor Dario Vasquez started the church nearly five years ago. La Miel ("Something Sweet") initially met at First Covenant Church, which is planting the Hispanic congregation. Pastor Doug McHenry of First Covenant says, "We're excited as a church because we've had the opportunity to partner with La Miel." Over the years, members of First Covenant have helped with translation, childcare, equipment, and contributing money for the new building. The facility was formerly owned by a local Assembly of God congregation and came with all supplies, pots, pans, furniture, toys and equipment. We praise God for this great opportunity and pray God's continued blessing on both La Miel and First Covenant Church.

Mission Accomplished!



TEAM 1

members worked hard and fast to complete the building in a two-week time frame. Go to the conference website at: www.midwestcovenant.org and read the daily updates sent in by team members. The prayer and financial support of our conference churches made this work possible.

In July, two teams of people from Midwest Conference churches traveled to Mountain Village, Alaska, to build a 20'x20' unit to be used for machine repair by both the Mountain Village Covenant Church and the local community. Team



TEAM 2

Newest Worshipping Community

The newest Midwest Conference fellowship group, **Gratitude Covenant, Fort Collins, CO**, has been meeting weekly since September. A pioneered church plant under the leadership of Pastor Brian and Pam Sky, began preview services this past spring. Pray for the church as they lay all the necessary foundations for future missional strength.

"One Step Closer" Evangelism Seminar

The Evangelical Covenant Church in Ceresco, NE, will host a seminar on Saturday, October 31, 9:30—4 p.m. The seminar will be led by Lisa Orris, Covenant Director of Evangelism. Lunch provided, free-will offering. Contact Pastor Jodi Moore at 402-665-3967 for information.